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SUBJ: SECRETARY'S VISIT: TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

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1. WHEN AMBASSADOR SAW DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER WAHEED ABDULLAH LATE AFTERNOON JULY 31 ABDULLAH SKETCHED SOME IDEAS FOR SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE HERE IN KABUL WHICH ARE PRETTY MUCH IDENTICAL TO IDEAS PROPOSED REFTEL. WE WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST TO THE SECRETARY AND MRS KISSINGER THE FOLLOWING:

2. SCHEDULE FOR SECRETARY

A. PROCEED DIRECTLY FROM 11:50 ARRIVAL AT AIRPORT TO PALACE FOR MEETING WITH PRESIDENT DAOUD. (ALTERNATIVE: BRIEF STOP AT EMBASSY ENROUTE AIRPORT TO PALACE, PER REFTEL, SHOULD SECRETARY WANT A FEW MINUTES PRIVACY WITH AMBASSADOR BEFORE COMMENCING MEETINGS. PLEASE ADVISE SECRETARY'S PREFERENCE.) AFGHANS HAVE ASKED THAT NUMBER OF MEETING PARTICIPANTS BE KEPT VERY SMALL AND HAVE SUGGESTED FROM THEIR SIDE THAT ONLY WAHEED ABDULLAH AND MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS SAMAD GHASUS SIT IN. THEY WOULD PREFER FROM OUR SIDE THAT ONLY SECRETARY, AMBASSADOR ELIOT AND ASST SECRETARY ATHERTON BE PRESENT. WE CAN
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GO BACK TO AFGHANS PER REFTEL AND SUGGEST INCLUSION

OF PETER RODMAN. PLEASE ADVISE.

B. LUNCHEON TO BE GIVEN BY PRESIDENT DAOUD WOULD FOLLOW CONCLUSION THIS ROUND OF TALKS, WITH SAME SMALL NUMBER OF PERSONS INVITED. OUR ESTIMATE OF TIME IS THAT TALKS WOULD LAST ABOUT ONE HOUR AND LUNCH ONE TO ONE AND ONE-HALF HOURS.

C. TALKS LOCATION THEN WOULD SHIFT TO MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, WHERE LARGER GROUP OF AFGHANS AND AMERICANS WOULD BE INCLUDED. PRESENT ON THE AFGHAN SIDE WOULD BE MOHAMMAD NAIM, MINISTER OF PLANNING KHURRAM, MINISTER OF MINES AND INDUSTRIES ASEFI, MINISTER OF HEALTH OMAR AND DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER WAHEED ABDULLAH. AFGHANS HAVE NOT SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED THEM BUT WE SUSPECT MINISTER OF COMMERCE JALALLAR AND MFA DIRGEN FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS SAMAD GHASUS MIGHT ALSO BE ASKED ALONG. ON AMERICAN SIDE WE WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE AID DIRECTOR VINCENT BROWN IN THIS DISCUSSION. PLEASE ADVISE. AFGHANS HAVE ASKED THAT OTHER MEMBERS OF SECRETARY'S OFFICIAL PARTY BE INCLUDED AS WE SEE FIT, AND WE REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S SUGGESTION ON THIS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

D. DURING OR JUST AFTER SESSION AT MFA, PL 480 AGREEMENT ON VEGOIL WILL BE SIGNED BY MIN PLANNING KHURRAM AND AMBASSADOR IN PRESENCE OF NAIM AND SECRETARY.

E. DIFFICULT TO PREDICT HOW MUCH TIME IF ANY WILL REMAIN BETWEEN BREAK-UP OF MFA MEETING AND SECRETARY'S ADDRESS TO EMBASSY STAFF AT 1630. SUGGEST WHATEVER TIME REMAINS BE SPENT RESTING AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE. PLEASE ADVISE IF SECRETARY HAS OTHER WISHES.

3. SCHEDULE FOR MRS KISSINGER

A. ASSUMING MRS KISSINGER REMAINS IN KABUL AND DOES NOT TAKE UP SUGGESTION SHE TRAVEL OVERLAND TO
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PESHAWAR (KABUL 5605, PARA 4), AFGHANS WOULD LIKE TO TAKE HER DIRECTLY FROM AIRPORT TO NEARBY TOWN OF PAGHMAN WHERE LUNCHEON WILL BE SERVED IN A GARDEN. PAGHMAN IS ABOUT ONE-HALF HOUR'S DRIVE FROM KABUL THROUGH HILLY COUNTRY AND IS A ONCE-PLANNED, COOL SUMMER CAPITAL DIRECTLY UNDERNEATH A RUGGED 15,000 FOOT ESCARPMENT. AFGHANS WILL INVITE SOME MEMBERS OF SECRETARY'S PARTY NOT LUNCHING WITH DAOUD AND

SECRETARY AT PALACE JOIN MRS KISSINGER'S LUNCHEON GROUP AT PAGHMAN. AFGHANS HAVE ALSO STATED INTENTION TO INVITE NUMBER OF EMBASSY WIVES, SO THIS COULD BE LARGEST AFFAIR OF SOME 40 PEOPLE.

B. PARTY AT PAGHMAN WOULD BREAK UP AT ABOUT 1500. SUGGEST MRS KISSINGER MIGHT LIKE RETURN TO AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE WITH MRS ELIOT TO REST OR SWIM AND PLAY TENNIS. SHE MIGHT ALSO ENJOY A BIT OF SHOPPING OR A LOOK AROUND THE CITY. PLEASE ADVISE.

4. SCHEDULE FOR DAVID KISSINGER

A. USEFUL TO HAVE ANSWER TO KABUL 5605 BEFORE WORKING OUT MORE DETAILED SCHEDULE. AROUND KABUL THERE IS SWIMMING, TENNIS, HORSEBACK RIDING, SHOPPING AND A FEW HISTORICAL SIGHTS TO SEE. IF DAVID STAYS IN KABUL, WOULD HE LIKE TO GO TO THE LUNCH IN PAGHMAN?

B. IN ANY EVENT, AMBASSADOR'S 22-YEAR OLD PERSIAN-SPEAKING SON, TED ELIOT, WILL BE ON HAND AS TOUR GUIDE AND ESCORT.

3. UNDERSTAND IT MAY BE DIFFICULT FOR SOME MEMBERS OF SECRETARY'S PARTY TO LEAVE KABUL AND ACCEPT HOSPITALITY AT PAGHMAN. THOSE PERSONS ARE INVITED TO LUNCH WITH PRESS, FOR WHOM ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE AT KABUL HOTEL.

6. AS WE NAIL DOWN SCHEDULE FURTHER, KABUL WILL PROVIDE MORE DETAILED SCENARIOS AND LIST OF PRESS OPPORTUNITIES.

7. AS SCHEDULE NOW SEEMS TO BE SHAPING UP, SECRETARY'S ONLY PUBLIC REMARKS WILL BE THOSE
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MADE BEFORE AMERICAN COMMUNITY AT 1630. WE ALSO PLAN INVITE LOCAL EMPLOYEES OF MISSION. USIS WILL ARRANGE FOR RECORDING THESE REMARKS PER STATE 187688. SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS WILL BE TRANSMITTED SEPTTEL.
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